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WELLINGTON FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, FJ

SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER ON U.S. AIR SERVICE TO FIJI

1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 21 PRIME MINISTER RATU SIR  
KAMISESE MARA SAID FIJI WOULD WELCOME ADDITIONAL U.S. FLAG  
AIR SERVICE THROUGH FIJI, INCLUDING SERVICE BETWEEN  
PAGO PAGO AND NADI. FOLLOWING IS EXCERPTED FROM TRANSCRIPT:

PM: ... I MYSELF HAVE TAKEN IT ON MY OWN TO SPEAK TO THE  
PAN AM PEOPLE IN HONOLULU, TO PASS THE MESSAGE ON TO THEIR  
HEADQUARTERS THAT WE WILL BE CONSIDERING FAVORABLY ANY INCREASES  
IN THE FREQUENCY OF FLIGHTS INTO FIJI. ALSO, IF THEY WISH  
TO TAKE UP AGAIN PAGO PAGO-NADI FLIGHT, WE WILL CONSIDER  
THAT VERY FAVORABLY.

QEUSTION: I GATHER THREE OR FOUR OTHER U.S. AIRLINES  
NOW HAVE EYES DOWN THIS DIRECTION ... NATIONAL, CONTINENTAL...

PM: I HEARD THAT HAWAIIAN AIRLINES ARE ALSO THINKING OF  
PUTTING A DAYLIGHT FLIGHT FROM HONOLULU TO PAGO PAGO.

QUESTION: WOULD GOVERNMENT BE HAPPY TO SEE ANOTHER U.S.  
AIRLINE COME IN?

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PM: YES. I THINK WE ARE IN A STAGE NOW OF WELCOMING ANY

AIRLINE TO COME TO FIJI, BECAUSE WE WANT VISITORS AND IF WE  
CAN GET IT FROM THE PRESENT AIRLINES WE MUST GET IT FROM  
OTHER AIRLINES.

QUESTION: WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS OF JAPAN AIRLINES COMING?

PM: I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FURTHER BUT THERE WAS AN UN-  
DERSTANDING THAT THEY WILL BE COMING THROUGH TO DISCUSS RIGHTS  
BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. UNQUOTE.  
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